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This information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the period provided for in 37 CFR §1.97(b), but before a Final Action under 37 CFR §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under §1.311. Accordingly, it is believed that this submission requires payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby expressly authorized to charge the amount of \$180.00 to applicants' Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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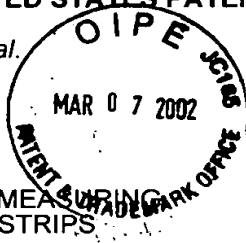
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Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental) of M. E. Lewis, et al., for MULTICHEMISTRY MEASURING DEVICE AND TEST STRIPS, filed November 17, 1999.

Also enclosed are: USPTO Form 1449 - 1 page (in duplicate)
Copy of Eight (8) References
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